

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Texas State Camp-Meeting Aug. 4-14.

F. J. LEE, General Overseer of The Church of God, Will Be Present

GREAT REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AUDITORIUM OF THIS CITY

Long Altar Filled With Interested Seekers — Many Praying Through to Victory — The End Is Not Yet



D. R. MORELAND

A revival meeting is now in progress at the Church of God auditorium, corner Montgomery Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street, this city, conducted by D. R. Moreland, evangelist of Bonne Terre, Mo., assisted by a number of ministers and workers of this city.

The evangelist is of national reputation, having conducted many successful campaigns in thirty states. He is held in high esteem by the church. His preaching is clear and uncompromising; his discourses are forceful, persuasive and effective.

The pastor and membership of the Church of God are very grateful for the service of this noted evangelist.

Services at 7:30 p. m. every evening, Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting in the Evangel Office 8:30 a. m. every day except Sunday. A number of other cottage prayer meetings are being held. The interest is fine. The general public is invited to attend these meetings.

I STILL LOVE JESUS, DON'T YOU?

MERRIAM, Kans.—The work at Kansas City is getting along fine. A successful revival has just closed in which Brother W. E. Collins did some good preaching. The Lord blessed and the devil was mad. The altar was full almost every night. Brother Collins and Brother Jack Polk, a fine young man working for Jesus, left for Springfield, Mo. Sunday May 29th where they intend to have a few days meeting. From there they expect to go to Desloge for the State Camp Meeting June 9th.

Please pray for the work here, also for our pastor, Brother C. E. Banks who gives out the message with power and is on fire for God. Pray for us and for my wife that we will stay in the center of the Lord's will.—Dick J. Rash.

FIRE IS FALLING

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—We are here giving a short report of the work of the Churches of God in North Chattanooga since the Assembly. We have had two revivals in each church, which were a success. About sixty have received the Holy Ghost in these churches and many more have been saved and sanctified since the Assembly.

The Lord is blessing, the fire is falling and many are coming in the Church. About fifty-six have come in the last few months. We are thankful to the Lord for what He is doing in Chattanooga.—Zeno C. Tharp, Harry L. Whittington, Pastors.

TENN. STATE CONVENTION

The Tennessee State Convention was held at North Chattanooga, Tenn. June 23rd-26th. It was indeed a great success, even beyond our expectation. Many arrived in time for the first service, others coming in as the meeting ran on. Arrangements had been made before hand for their entertainment. Brother Whittington, as chairman of the committee, did everything he could to see that everyone was taken care of free of charge.

Brother McLain, State Overseer, was on the job and seemed at his best with love for everyone and no friction seemed to exist between any. The speakers were: H. L. Whittington, J. W. Nelson, W. W. Harmon, Zeno C. Tharp, W. D. Childers, E. J. Boehmer, J. H. Walker, C. Dunn, S. W. Latimer, E. L. Simmons, J. S. Llewellyn, M. W. Letsinger and Brother Cope; many other ministers being present. They seemed to be at their very best and gave out the Word with power. Waves of glory would roll and at times while the speakers would be preaching we could almost feel ourselves being lifted up. The messages were both instructive and edifying. I am sure many were made stronger and set new resolutions to go thru.

The singing was wonderful, being led by Brother J. H. Walker. Many times during the song and testimony service the saints would shout, dance, talk in tongues, etc. Many encouraging reports were given from the different churches of the state. At each evening service an altar call was given and many would come to be prayed for. I am sure that the people of Tennessee will never want another year to go by without a State Convention.—Zeno Tharp.

WONDERFUL WORK IN JAMAICA

FRANKFIELD, Jamaica — The Church of God stands today as a spiritual building, erected with lively stones. A wonderful work is being done in Jamaica. We have had some hard fights with Satan and his dreadful powers.

We have just had a revival which lasted one week. Nineteen were saved and added to the church. Truly it is the aim and work of the church to spread the light of salvation and love of the Gospel. We have to contend with professors who stand among us as great opposers but we are thankful that God has set before us an open door and no man shutteth, for this cause we are still rejoicing in this lively and glorious hope. What Jesus hath planted no man can root up, bless His name.

By divine will and through a few devoted brethren whom God has found to work in His vineyard, He has established His church and she is still growing for young ones are being born into the kingdom by earnest prayers and right living before God. Salvation full and free is the only normal state of the glorious blood bought company of the redeemed who will walk with Him some day in white, having been washed in the blood of the Lamb. Though unnoticed and dishonored by this world the church will sweep on conquering and to conquer until that day when with all who belong to her vast company, she shall be crowned in glory. To this "many are called but few chosen."

GOD'S CHILDREN ARE GATHERING IN

KINGSTON, W. Va.—A revival which gladdened many hearts at Garrison and Whitesville, W. Va. was started by Sister Ella Spire and continued until about thirty dear souls were reclaimed and saved. It was truly wonderful how the Lord blessed. Several were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. When folks make a complete sacrifice on the altar like old Elijah then look toward heaven with an eye of faith the fire falls. I feel like heaven is nearer than ever before.

The church was set in order June the 12th by our State Overseer, H. N. Scoggins, with five members and we trust more to come in later. We thank the people of Whitesville and Garrison for the hospitality shown us. God bless them all is my prayer.—G. W. Wristor.

RECEIVES THE HOLY GHOST WHILE BEING BAPTIZED

St. PETERSBURG, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Wildwood. We have just had a four weeks meeting there. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Five were saved, five sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. On the fourth Sunday in May we had baptizing. One sister was sanctified and when I was bringing her out of the water she spoke in tongues.

The people at Wildwood certainly love the Church of God. Please pray for this place.—Ivory James, Pastor.

LOVES CHURCH BETTER ALL THE TIME

WHIGHAM, Ga.—I am glad for the sweet peace that I have in my soul this afternoon and I want to report that the church at New Home is not dead but is more alive than it has been in some time. Brother J. B. Weeks is our pastor. He has done some wonderful work since he came here. We all love him and his family. The sinners love them too.

Several have been saved, some reclaimed and some received the Holy Ghost. On the 27th of June Brother Weeks baptized four in water and added four to the church. Our revival began June 26th. Please pray for God to save souls at this place. The Lord is blessing, there were ten in the altar last night.

I have had this blessing over six years and can say I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides. I just love the dear old Church of God better all the time. Pray for me to do just what God would have me to do.—Mrs. Mary Jenkins, R. 3.

With all diligence let us make our calling and election sure.—M. Smith, Elder.

VICTORY, UNITY AND FREEDOM

SALISBURY, Md.—Our State Convention opened May 27th. Brother H. W. Poteat delivered the welcome address. We had several good preachers with us who brought wonderful messages. Sister Fred Marine sang special songs for us.

We had victory, unity and freedom. We enjoyed this coming together. God was with us. Thank God for the southern brethren who have come to Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware, also for some faithful ones up here in these states. We are looking up and standing for the Church of God.

We can't make you know just how much we enjoyed the convention and how God blessed but come next year and see for yourself. Brother L. G. Rouse and others continued with a revival.—Sisters Carl Milligan and Bertha Bloomingdale.

BIBLE SIGNS FOLLOWING

CASTLEBERRY, Ala.—The colored saints of the Church of God which are in Castleberry, Ala. send holy greetings to the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tennessee.

We thank God for Jesus Christ the son of God and for this little clean holy band of fifteen which are sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and the Bible signs following. We are thanking God for the ministers and members of the Church of God. We appreciate our General Overseer, Brother F. J. Lee, whom we have never seen, also Brother Barnett whom we believe is a faithful minister. He came to Castleberry and preached many good sermons, dedicated our house of worship and received us in the doctrine and faith of the Church of God and baptized us in water. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Elder E. Ford, the former pastor, was left to care for the work here.—Mrs. Estel McMillen, Sec'y.

REVIVAL SPIRIT IS ON

LAKELAND, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Lakeland, four have received the Holy Ghost during the past week, seven baptized in water and seven added to the church. Two have been saved and sanctified. We are not running a revival but the revival spirit is on and we are having good services. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zech. 10:1.

We are expecting a great revival to break out here soon. We have sisters' prayer meeting at the church every morning at 9:00 o'clock and we are already seeing results. We know that we have a God who hears the righteous as they cry.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons, 937 N. Ohio Ave.



F. J. Lee, General Overseer of Churches of God

The Great Passover

One of the Seven Great Feasts

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

I have for some time been thinking of writing on the Feasts of the Lord. I will use for a text the following:

These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

There are seven great feasts set apart for the Jews, as follows: The Passover, The feast of unleavened bread, The feast of the first fruits, The feast of Pentecost, The feast of the wave - loaves, The feast of trumpets, and the day of atonement.

Now let us remember that each of these feasts is a type of something concerning the church in this gospel dispensation. Many are likely to think that these feasts and days applied only to the Jews, while the literal happening did apply to them, but the antitype has a higher meaning.

The Passover is a type of Christ. The lamb to be used was to be without blemish, a male of the first year. It was to be taken from the sheep or the goats, thus showing that Jesus was to be a sacrifice for all people. The blood was to be applied to the door posts, thus representing that the blood of Jesus must be applied to the "door posts" of our heart.

The lamb was to be kept up four days as a test to see if it was really without blemish. So Jesus was tested under public gaze and ridiculed until it was proven without a doubt that there was no blemish on Him whatever. The testing proved Him to be holy.

The blood applied to the door post of one home did not suffice for the entire people of Egypt, thus showing that the blood of Jesus must be applied to each individual thus, refuting Universalism.

The blood applied guaranteed perfect protection from the judgment that had been decreed upon all who had not faith to make an effort to have the blood applied.

No bones should be broken, thus again pointing to Christ and how His bones were not broken.

Jesus stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. John said, behold the Lamb of God. Paul said, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."

Unleavened Bread

Unleavened bread was eaten with the passover, often the entire feast was referred to as the feast of unleavened bread, while at other times

the whole affair was referred to as the passover. The two events were connected so that they were often spoken of as one feast.

The unleavened bread pointed to Christ as the Bread of Life. It was to continue the next seven days after the passover was eaten. The picture is a very beautiful one. The passover, the type of our redemption came first, afterwards was the bread eaten for seven days. Seven always marks a completion. Thus representing the applying of the Passover in the beginning of our experience, then ever after this, eating of the bread, daily, until we reach the seven days or the finish of our course of life on this earth.

Leaven means impurity, but the people at this feast must not eat leaven bread, if they should, the type would fall down. This bread represents God within our lives. It represents not just Jesus alone but, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost which comes into our lives. Jesus said in John 14:20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you." "That day has reference to the time the Holy Ghost came into our lives. In some mysterious way we have the entire Godhead within us. Jesus also said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

We learn from the Peoples Bible Encyclopedia that the Jews at this day have three unleavened cakes in their feast. These are laid one on the other. The father during the ceremony takes the middle loaf and breaks it in pieces then hides some of this from the children, later he brings it forth. It appears that the Jews in general do not know what the three loaves represent, but I have read in literature written by converted Jew ministers that it is a type of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Everyone separate cakes but representing members of the Godhead.

The feast of unleavened bread speaks of communion with Jesus Christ, and perhaps the entire Godhead.

Jesus instituted the sacrament, which points back to the time that He, Himself, the Passover, was sacrificed for us, the entire world. The wine representing the shed blood of the Passover Lamb. The broken (Continued on page three)

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We have a limited quantity of our new song books, TRIUMPHANT SONGS. All who are interested would do well to get some of these books and look them over. They are especially compiled for use in camp meetings, revivals, Sunday School and church services.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We advise all of our people to send in their announcements as early as possible, of state and district conventions, camp meetings and revival campaigns and let us advertise same through the columns of the Evangel. We also respectfully insist that these conventions and meetings be reported to the paper as it will be a source of encouragement to many. I write this because of the fact that many successful revivals have failed to be reported.

We earnestly request that our ministers and workers give special attention to the taking up of subscriptions and renewals for the Church of God Evangel.

NEW BIBLES

We are pleased to advise our customers that we now have in stock a nice line of teachers' Bibles especially selected to meet the requirements of the ministers at very reasonable prices.

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Write us of your needs along this line and we will be pleased to supply you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TITHES

Our Sunday School secretaries will pardon this gentle reminder that the General Assembly a few years ago, agreed and passed on the provision for each Sunday School to tithe the amount of their offerings and send to headquarters to create and augment funds to be used for the furtherance of the Sunday School interest, such as the payment for supplies for the first quarter for new Sunday Schools and such other expenses as may occur in the organization of new Sunday Schools.

This is a very important work and should claim the attention of all of our people as the establishment of Sunday Schools in new fields has heretofore proved to be the forerunner of the Church and otherwise proved to be a remarkable blessing to many neglected localities.

Please observe this and give it your careful consideration as this fund is now over drawn and we can't afford to abandon this part of the work on account of the lack of funds.

ORPHANAGE WORK

The work of the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home is progressing very satisfactorily, especially considering the unfavorable circumstances surrounding. Our people are aware of the fact that we have been laboring under more or less embarrassments, but we are very grateful to the friends of this very noble institution for their hearty cooperation in the work of caring for the fatherless, motherless and homeless children.

We have a number of bright eyed boys and girls receiving care and Christian training. I am writing this

NOTICES :: SPECIALS

The North Carolina State Camp Meeting will convene Sept. 10th to 25th at the Washington Church of God Camp Ground, Washington, N. C.—A. L. Crisp.

The church at Waresboro, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual conditions of the following members: Eddie Lee Bennett, Mary Booth, Corene Bogh and Sister C. C. Wiggins.

Quarterly conference will convene Saturday night, July 16th. On Sunday we will observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing.—Clyde Jeffords, Clerk.

The Church of God at Branford, Fla. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members:

Beda Burch, Texas Thomas, Mrs. V. C. Cribbs, Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, Nellie Miller, Ella Rollison, Rosa Tompkins, Lizzie Williams, Annie Bell Grooman, Linnie Delaine, E. J. McMullen, Martin Tompkins, Mary Butler, Mary Adams, Sadie Driggers, Lucy Locklear, Mary Phillips, Lillie Reaves, Mary Von Bea Bullis, Emma Farmer, Caroline Walker, C. W. Badgett, J. F. Bonds, Joe McDonald, Mrs. D. Bell, Loura Adams, Reta Galtman, Florence Locklear, Ruby Phillips, Polie Reaves, Mammie Farmer, Lizzie Walker, J. H. Butler, John Peterson. Please write to the church clerk, Mr. L. V. Hall, Branford, Fla. immediately, otherwise your name will be dropped from the roll.—John E. Conatser, Branford, Fla.

SPECIAL NOTICE

An appeal—for a preacher who is looking for the coming of Jesus—
SOON —

We are! —
One who is interested more in the salvation of souls than gold and the things that perish.

If you are that man, drop a line to Sister Izola Irwin, Church of God Evangelist, 7245 Kinsman Rd. Cleveland, Ohio. You won't have to go back home hungry or broke either. God bless you.

If anyone has a tent on hand that is not engaged we would like to hear from you concerning the use of it at once. We want to rent a tent for a revival to begin as soon as we can secure the tent. Let us know your terms, the size of tent and any information concerning it.—W. A. Haynes, Bangor, Ala., R. 1.

A revival will begin at Mt. Zion church, nine miles from Altoona, Ala. on Sand Mountain, July 24th D. V. Brother E. L. Simmons of Cleveland, Tenn. will be in charge. We especially invite the sister churches and all who can to come over and help us in a battle against sin. Yours in His service.—G. F. Danehower, Altoona, Ala., R. 2.

There will be Home Coming Day at Graysville, Tenn. on the 4th Sunday in July. We want all the church members to be present if possible. If you can't come, write your testimony. We expect to have all day meeting and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited to be there. Come bring your dinner and enjoy a good time with the Lord. We have some good meetings and expect to see greater things yet.—E. H. Long, Pastor.

A revival meeting will begin at Thorn, Miss. the third Saturday night in July, with Brother G. C. Dunn in charge. We are expecting Brother C. G. Edwards, our State Overseer, and probably others to be with us some in the meeting.

The saints from surrounding churches are invited to be with us. Come one and all, pray that God will meet with us in a glorious way.—W. B. Wimberley Clerk, Honston Mill.

To those who may want to write me: I am now in Morgantown, W. Va. I get my mail general delivery.

brief note to remind our people that the funds are very short, therefore, it will be extremely necessary for our ministers and workers to put forth a special effort to raise funds and supplies for the payment and maintenance of this God honored institution.

Dear reader, will you humbly and reverently ask the Lord what He would have you do in the way of support for the many worthy children now safely housed in the home of the Church? Will you please read Psa. 15:7, also 10. "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise to obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day."

I still have sweet victory in my soul and a great desire to go all the way. Dear ones please pray for me and my boys that we may be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Carrie Kalb, Morgantown, W. Va.

To the churches in the Mountain District of Arkansas: We have decided to call off the District Meeting at Higden on July 22nd to 24th as previously advertised in the Evangel, but will begin a revival there Saturday night, July 27th.—Jesse Danehower, Overseer, J. H. Morgan, Pastor.

This is to notify the different churches of the Church of God that J. F. Curry (better known as Battle Axe Bill) is no longer a preacher or a member of the Church of God.—E. E. Simmons, 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

A revival will begin at Gastonia at the Church of God on North Vance St. July 27th. We ask all who cannot come to pray for its success.

Brother E. D. Johnson of Columbia, S. C. will be in charge. We ask the nearby churches to come and help us in this battle.

Also our District meeting for the Gastonia District will convene Aug. 19th, 20th and 21st. We expect the ministers and as many delegates from the different churches as can to attend this gathering. Come one and all. We are expecting a good time in the Lord on Aug. 21st which will be all day service and dinner on the ground.—J. M. Snyder, Dist. Pastor.

I have been shown plainly that Jesus wants me to do as I promised Him and go out in the work. I wish to go with an evangelistic party. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost sweetly abides this moment. I will go any where for my precious Savior.—Mrs. Etha Mills, Route 6, Box 602, Jacksonville, Fla.

A revival will begin at Augusta, Ga. July 24th (D. V.) and continue indefinitely. J. W. Buchans will be in charge. We covet every one's prayers that this will be the greatest meeting ever held in Augusta.—T. D. Brogdon, Pastor, 1849 Watkins St. Augusta, Ga.

We are going to have our District Convention at Leggett school house, beginning Friday night July 15th and continuing Saturday and Sunday. Would be glad all the ministers on this district would be there and bring a good report with you. Everybody come and enjoy a feast with the Lord.—B. H. Smith, Clerk, Ripley, Tenn.

CORRECTION

We wish to call the attention of our readers to a mistake which appeared in the Evangel of June 18th and in the testimony headed "God's Power Is Real." The sentence which read, "I used the doctor for about ten days but could hardly eat or sleep," should have read, "I could hardly eat or sleep for about ten days but was healed without the aid of a doctor." It was signed by E. W. Harmon and it should have been T. W. Harmon.

We are sorry that this mistake occurred and ask those writing to the paper to cooperate with us in avoiding any errors.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Prospective Bible Students
As no church responded concerning sending a student to the Bible School, I am taking for granted that they felt that they had all they could carry.

There was nothing binding about my suggestion but I thought I would give those a chance who wished to do so.

I certainly want the school to succeed, but it cannot, unless we can get students that are financially able to pay their way. I am receiving many letters asking about the school.

I would like to make this request. Every prospective student who feels that he or she is able to finance for himself or herself in a six months term of school, let me know at once and I will send an application blank to fill out.

I feel sure that you can get through on twenty-five or thirty dollars a month. By getting an expression from those who are interested we can better determine what the future prospect will be.—F. J. Lee.

I praise the dear Lord that tonight finds me still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abiding. I praise the Lord for his healing power. Mother was very sick, had been for some time. We kept praying for her, also wrote to Brother Lee for special prayer and the dear Lord healed her, praise His good name.

I desire the prayers of all who read this that my sister may be healed. Also pray for me that I will be what the Lord wants me to be.—Clyde Pennington.

BRIDE OF CHRIST

We all know that a bride is one newly taken as wife. The first bride or wife we read of in Gen. 2: 21. We find that she was taken from Adam's side. The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman and brought her unto the man. Adam said, "This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." God declares that Christ is head of His body, the church, Col. 1:18 and has given Him to be head over all things to the church. So we find that the church is the body of Christ, not the bride. But we find that Adam's bride came out of his body, so will the bride come out of the body of Christ, the Church.

1 Cor. 15:47 says, "The first man was of the earth earthy: the second man is the Lord from Heaven." The Bible says that Adam's wife or bride, was taken from Adam's body, so the bride or wife of Christ is to be taken from the body of Christ, the Church. Adam's whole body was not his bride, neither is all the body (the Church) to be the bride of Christ.

A marriage supper is always composed of others besides the bridegroom and bride. The Bible at John 3:28 speaks of the friends of the bridegroom and the 45th Psalm, which typifies the majesty of Christ's kingdom, first speaks of His might, glory, majesty, truth righteousness and then of His arrows being sharp in the heart of His enemies and so on down to the 9th verse which begins to speak of His marriage. He says, "Thy honorable women." We are all sons and daughters by faith in Jesus, but not the bride for he says in the same verse, "Upon thy right hand did stand the Queen in gold of Ophir." We see there is a difference between the daughters and the queen, bride. In the 13th verse we find the king's daughter, the bride, is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Here he says daughter, not daughters. V. 14 and 15 says, "She (not they) shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle work: the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace." These represent the five wise virgins spoken of at Matt. 25.

At S. S. 6:8 we read, "There are threescore queens and fourscore concubines and virgins without number." V. 9 "My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her; The daughters saw her and blessed her; yea the queens and concubines, and they praised her." All these represent the different ones of the company that will follow the bride. The concubines were wives of King Solomon but not the queen, the bride, for he says, "My dove, my undefiled is but one, she is the choice one of her that bare her." The one that bare her made a choice between her and others that were born of her. There must be more than one before one can make a choice.

We notice in Jno. 3:29 that John the Baptist speaks of the friend of the bridegroom. This represents another class who will be at the marriage supper and at Jno. 15:14 we hear Jesus say, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," but this is not the bride. At a marriage supper we all know that all who are there are not the bride, but are they who have honored the invitation enough to make preparation to come. At Matt. 22:11-12 we read of a fellow who had not honored the invitation enough to make the necessary preparation which was only to put on the wedding garment; the wedding garments were furnished by the king and all they had to do was to put them on and this fellow had failed to do that.

Now God, our Father, the King, has made a marriage for His son, Jesus Christ, and every guest has to have on his wedding garment which is the robe of righteousness. This must be put on in this world. We are expected, yea required to keep them spotless from the things of this world. The bride labors as no others do for the kingdom of Christ, her bridegroom. This is typified at S. S. 1:5-6 and shows that she labors for the good of others but her sisters are not laboring as she does. Some think that this is Solomon and that he is black. Solomon was a Jew and could not be black. No, but this is the bride and she is typified as one that has labored till she is sunken (sunburned) but she was comely (beautiful anyway). Her sisters had failed to labor. The bride is beautiful because the beauty of the Lord is upon her.

Now we must not get the mistaken idea that God is a respecter of persons, no, but He has set a standard for the bridehood and all other classes spoken of in the bridal supper and it is up to us whether we measure up or not. If my experience comes up to the qualifications of the bridehood that is where I will be and if not, I will be put just where I belong and you will too. But we must have on the wedding garment or we will be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth for many are called but few chosen. All are called but we must meet God's

THE POWER OF A LOCAL CHURCH TO DISCIPLINE ITS MEMBERSHIP

1.—A local church has full power and authority to prefer charges against a layman or member of said church and a record or minute be made of the actions of the church conference.

2.—A church has no authority to deal with an exhorter for any offence until after the proper authorities (the pastor together with state overseer) has revoked his or her papers. Then and not until then has the local church any jurisdiction over said party.

3.—A local church and pastor has no power or jurisdiction over an evangelist or bishop. They are under the state overseer and general overseer. The church has no power or right to record charges against a minister before the state board deals with the defendant and revokes his

or her ministerial authority. The minutes of state board meetings are filed away in accused ministers' folder at headquarters. If after the board revokes the minister's authority, the church considers the charges serious enough to render him unfit for membership, then the church may try him or her on said charges, record the charges and write the minutes of the expulsion.

The above was written by R. E. Blackwood, Overseer of North Carolina, and approved by the General Overseer. Brother Blackwood felt that the churches needed this bit of information.

I will add that the state board does not exist as in former days, but the state overseer is to call whom he chooses to sit with him in cases to be tried.—F. J. Lee.

REVIVAL SESSER, ILLINOIS

We began a meeting on May 29th at Sesser, Ill. and continued it until about June 10th. We wish to tell through the columns of the Evangel how God blessed us in our efforts. The weather was disagreeable, it rained almost every day and night and the roads were so bad that I could hardly get to the church house, the car would drag and almost stick but God surely was talking to hearts. The saints had been fasting and praying and they entered the meeting with the fire all burning brightly in their souls.

Brother Newton worked in the altar and Brother Short with his violin and guitar rendered valuable service. I am sure that God will reward them. They had charge of the day meetings. Brother Ansel Newton of Johnston City, Ill. preached the last three nights for us while we were attending the Missouri Camp Meeting; others also helped.

There were thirty-one saved, twenty sanctified and twenty-six received the Holy Ghost. The people say that this was one of the best revivals that Sesser has ever had, if not the best one. Eighteen were added to the church with more to follow. Thirty were baptized in water. On Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The house was not large enough to hold the people and many went away. I believe the church is more determined to go on and win the fight than ever before. We have a fine crowd of young folks here so please pray for us that we may all go on and God will still keep blessing and we may be a blessing to the folks here.—J. A. Bixler, Pastor, Logan and Sesser.

JESUS' PRAYER ANSWERED

SCARBORO, Ga.—I am still saved and feel just like the prayer that our Savior prayed, John 17:17, has been answered and has taken effect in my life.

We had our District Meeting at Long Branch near Millen, Ga. Brother J. W. Culpepper and a number of other dear saints were with us. We had service every night from June 1st, Wednesday, until Sunday. We had dinner on the ground. The meeting closed Sunday night. I want all the saints to breathe a spirit of prayer for this place that we will be able to stand and go through the gate and into the city.—L. P. Mons, Clerk. C. A. Culpepper, Pastor.

conditions or we will not be chosen. So we learn from God's word that the Church of God is the bride of Christ, but all the church is not the bride. The bride comes out of the church.—Lorena Cotton.

I thank and praise God for his wonderful healing power for I know He can heal. He healed me about two weeks ago of rheumatic fever. I feel as well as I ever did but my left ankle is still swollen a little and is sore. I am looking to God to take the soreness out and I ask all of the good Christians to pray for me that I may be saved before it is too late.—Clara Smith, Ripley, Tenn. R. 5.

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He has healed me several times. I ask special prayer for the healing of my husband's body. He has been afflicted for about thirty years. Please pray for my husband and children to be saved and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mildy Carter, Shamrock, Texas.

I am not a member of any church but I do believe in the Church of God because it takes real clean living to belong to it. I want to ask the Church of God people to pray for the healing of my body as I am afflicted and am very deaf and have a roaring in my head. Please ask God to deliver my soul from all sin before it is too late. I believe God will hear and answer prayer.—John Carter, Shamrock, Tex.

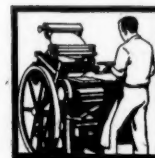
He Is Coming Soon

E. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I am glad to say I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am on my way rejoicing in the love of Jesus. I'm only waiting the soon coming of the Lord. I am watching and praying to be among the number of redeemed ones who will go marching in the pearly gates to the city of God. It behooves the children of God to be watching.

We are living in the last days and we must have on the whole armor of God if we expect to be ready when Jesus comes. I know He is coming soon for His Word tells us so. He is coming in such an hour as we think not so let us be prayed up and ready to go up lest He come and find us sleeping. I want to be a soul winner for my Lord. I want to hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I'm glad to read the Word of God. It helps me to stand the hard test and persecutions that come my way. I need the prayers of all the saints that I may stand true and humble until Jesus comes or calls for me. I want my life to be a blessing to some one.—Mrs. J. E. Simpson.

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Keep Your Heart Right With God

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—This morning finds me praising God for sweet settled peace in my soul. There is nothing so sweet as that peace coming down from the Father above, sweeping over my spirit forever. I have a dear boy who is in sin and I am praying that God will save him and his companion before it is too late.

I must tell about our good meetings here. There is such love and unity. Brother E. W. Anderson is faithful, preaching the good straight Word that settles us on the rock, Christ Jesus. We have sisters' meeting on Wednesday. The Lord is blessing us. At our last meeting there were seven at the altar, one sister received the Holy Ghost. We sisters are so glad when the Lord helps us to lay aside our work and cares at home and come together to pray for and with one another.

Pray for us for we want to hold up this great cause until Jesus is ready to take us home. Just a little while to stay here, just a little while to wait. Let us keep our hearts right with God that we may hear Him say, "Well done." Pray for our Sunday School which we enjoy very much. We have been robbed of our house of worship for which we labored so hard. We have Sunday School in the school house. It is located in an inconvenient place but we have an average attendance of fifty or seventy.

Dear saints, I ask you to pray for the healing of my body. My health is almost gone and I see so much to do for this worthy cause. Jesus can heal. He has borne my sickness and diseases for fourteen years. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Chas. Everly, R. 1, box 131.

Hazlehurst District

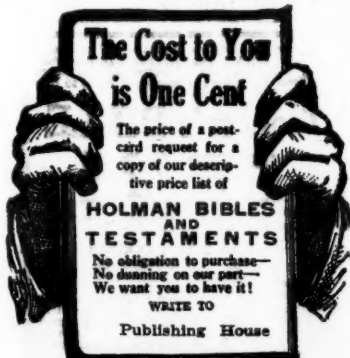
It has been a long time since a report has been in the paper from this district. The work in general is coming on fine. God is wonderfully blessing the Bridgeford Church this year. So far about eleven have received the Holy Ghost and more than that number added to the Church.

The work at Ursey near Graham, Ga. is progressing nicely. Sister Ella Ross and Sister Allie Ursey have been conducting prayer meetings with the help of the Bridgeford saints and also the writer and wife. Four received the Holy Ghost in one service. God worked in a marvelous way. The Hebrew church is progressing nicely. There are just a few saints here but they are striving for the victory. The Aline church is moving on nicely. The church is not set in order yet, but have several members and most of them have the Holy Ghost. Three have received the blessing, few saved and sanctified this year. Remember us in your prayers.—John J. Floyd, Pastor, Hazlehurst District.

ENEMY DEFEATED

MOBETTIE, Tex.—We have just ended a hard battle at the Church of God at Shamrock, Texas. The enemy tried in most every way to defeat us but God's wonderful power was too great for him. We had several of the saints from the Mobettie church, also Sisters Worley and Moore to help us in the meeting. The power and glory of God was genuine in most every service.

The attendance was good and much interest shown. Some were saved and sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. One was reclaimed. The Shamrock church is a new church and this was a time of seed sowing. We are



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La BELLE, Fla.—God has surely blessed us here in LaBelle. During a revival just held here by Brother J. A. Lewis, the Lord wonderfully sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name, I feel like going all the way with Jesus. He has been so precious to me for the past few weeks. I can't praise Him enough for it.

Since the revival here we have been attending the camp meeting in Ft. Myers and many souls were blessed. The Lord surely was with us. The Camp Meeting closed on Sunday and Monday night we had prayer meeting in our home. The devil tried to interfere but one sister held on until the old time Pentecostal power fell. Three were sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. The power seemed to fall on everyone. Such dancing, shouting and talking in tongues could never be described. Bless His name.

Last night we had gathered at the home of two young converts for prayer service when one of our young brothers came for someone to pray for his sick mother. We all went and God wonderfully gave us victory and healed her. She was unconscious yesterday afternoon but praise the Lord she was up shouting with her Bible in her hand this morning.

My husband has been saved but is still seeking for sanctification and the Holy Ghost. I would be glad if the saints would remember him in their prayers, also remember my father and mother who are sinners. I am a member of the Church of God here. I am glad of it and I thank God for the Bible, our standard and Jesus our pattern. I request the prayers of all that I may go through with Jesus and gain my home in the Glory land where I can praise Him around the throne for all His wonderful blessings to me. Pray for our young church and converts.—Mrs. Floyd O'Bannon.

Jesus Never Leaves Nor Forsakes

ERWIN, Tenn.—I am glad that I can report victory in my soul. I am glad that the sweet Holy Ghost abides and gives me joy deep down in my soul. I feel that I am one of His little ones and that I am ready to go if Jesus should come. I don't suppose that there are many who have reached the state of perfection yet but I am glad we have the promise, "It does not yet appear what we shall be but we shall be like Him when He appears for we shall see Him as He is." I want to love Him more and do more for Him because He has done so much for me. I have lots to bear but the Lord says that He will never leave us nor forsake us but will go all the way with us and I mean to go through regardless of the cost.

I praise Him for His healing power. He healed my children of the measles. The devil tried to weaken my faith but I held on to the Lord and He healed them for which I give Him the glory. I want to see more dear souls come to Jesus before it is too late. We want to watch ourselves and keep in the straight path for it means something to live this life. Pray for me that I will hold out faithful until Jesus comes or calls and help to gather in the lost grain. Pray for my husband. He has once enjoyed salvation but backslid.—Mrs. Halle Markland.

THE LORD IS REAL

BABYLON, N. Y.—I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I was suffering with my back and I wrote for an anointed handkerchief and the Lord took my pain away. Last Thanksgiving I caught cold in my ear and had a terrible pain. It left a tightness and noise in my ear. My two little children and I got on our knees and prayed and my ear began to feel light and for two nights I have not had to get up with it. I know now that the Lord is good, true and real and I praise His name. My husband is a Catholic and I ask you all to pray for me. I don't get to go to church.—Anna S. Martino, 32 Cooper St.

expecting a growth and harvest in the future. (Holiness seed never rot.) Our God is wonderfully blessing in the Pan Handle of this great state. Please pray for a world wide revival.—T. Merrill McClendon.

HAS STRONG DETERMINATION

HAYNES, Ark.—I praise the Lord for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me with His precious blood and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I have a strong determination to go all the way with Him.

The Lord has given us victory in Arkansas for which we give Him the praise. Not long ago we had a four nights meeting here conducted by the writer. One was reclaimed, two saved, one received the Holy Ghost and five were added to the church. I ask the prayers of everyone that the Lord will add to this church daily such as should be saved. Please pray for Jesus to make me a soul winner for Him.—Florence Joplin.

EFFECTED EYE HEALED

S. PORTLAND, Me.—Dear Brother Rouse, I received the handkerchief and may the Lord bless you in your service for Him. My eye was surely in a bad condition when I wrote you but before the letter left Portland the Lord healed it. Praise His name, obedience is better than sacrifice. The devil said I did not need to send the handkerchief but the Lord said send it. Nearly every time I would go out anywhere this winter I would take cold in that eye but now it is healed. The minute I took the letter out of the mail box the power fell on me and the Lord blessed me good. I want you all to pray for us up here in the cold north that the Lord will have His way with and use us for His glory.

May the Lord bless you in your labor for Him is the prayer of my heart. Please pray for this family where I am working. They are unsaved but seem interested in the Bible. I believe the Lord had a motive in sending me here this winter.—Mrs. Abbie Chick.

Miraculously Healed of Trachoma

REE, N. Dak.—I am praising God just now for the Son of God who gave His life a ransom for many. I am glad we are bought with a price, not of silver or gold, but with the blood of Jesus. Praise God for His love and mercy to pick me up from the gutters of sin and shame and plant my feet on the solid rock Christ Jesus. I have the joy of salvation and a determination to go thru with Jesus whatever the cost may be by His grace and help. Bless His name!

Many times I have thought about the Bible students and the saints I met and learned to love while I was in Cleveland and certainly appreciate and praise God for supplying my needs and making a way for me to be there. I have prayed for you and hope to see you some day, ever to rejoice with Jesus our King in Heaven.

While I have not been there to answer present to the roll call I have continued the study of the Bible by correspondence; have been benefitted by it in many ways and pray that I may impart it to others and use that which I have learned for God's glory. I also want to testify to God's healing power. Two or three years ago God miraculously and instantly healed me of trachoma. To prove it two doctors examined my eyes at different times and said I had a severe case of trachoma and something had to be done. In a few days I was supposed to go thru a treatment. I was trusting in God and was the only one who had salvation in the school I attended, away from home and saints I began to call on God and praise God He really did the work. Two doctors examined me before I was healed and two afterward. I praise God that He can save from our sins, heal, sanctify with the blood of Jesus and baptize with the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. Praise the Lord for the Church of God that stands for the whole Bible. That is what is needed in these last days, the whole Gospel preached to all people. "Pray ye the Lord of harvest to send forth more laborers into the vineyard."

Dear ones, pray for me that I might always stay clean and humble at Jesus' feet, be submissive and obedient to His will. Jesus is coming soon and I want to always be ready to go with Him when He comes. I want Jesus to make me worthy and fully prepared to be an instrument in His hands and be a blessing to Him and humanity.—Lillian L. Solder.

God is Blessing

WARES SHOALS, S. C. I feel led to write a few lines to the Evangel to sound a note of praise for the one who has done so much for me. I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and healing me when I get sick, bless His name. I feel encouraged to go on, while we are having conflicts with Satan Jesus is there to help us be overcomers through His dear name. I thank Him for the dear old Church of God. We surely have had a test here, our place of worship has been taken twice but we are shouting the victory all along the way. Our state Overseer has been with us and the

BEEN HEALED MANY TIMES

MOBETTIE, TEXAS—I am praising the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and healing me many times when I was very sick. I was sick and I said if the Lord would heal my body I surely would testify to His great healing power. I have been so careless in paying my vow. I am so ashamed to displease my dear Lord.

I know the sweetest words I ever heard my dear children say was, mother will you please forgive me for the way I have treated you, though they waited many years before they could say forgive. I have wondered if the words, forgive me, sounds as good to our Heavenly Father as it did to me. Well praise the Lord He forgives us all.

I remember Paul said when he was a child he spake as a child and thought as a child but when he became a man he put away childish things. I surely want to be obedient to them that have the rule over me. Many of you know our good shepherd, Brother Y. M. McClendon. The Lord is giving out great messages through him.

Some say how can you know the Church of God is right? Because the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. If God be for us who can be against us? For if we live after the flesh we shall die but if we through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body we shall live. Therefore let us be faithful and obedient to them that have rule over us for they watch for our souls while we may be asleep.

Pray that He will heal my body.—Mrs. Zilpha Honeycutt.

A Time To Laugh And Cry For Joy

PRINCETON, W. Va.—Our District Convention convened at the Princeton church May 13th to 15th. God was with us during all the convention. Brother Scoggins brought a wonderful message Friday night. Our pastor, L. L. Vaught, read the Scripture lesson Saturday morning and the churches were called to report. Most of them had good reports and by the help of God are still increasing. Saturday night the saints testified of God and His wonderful plan of salvation and great healing power. A time when we all laugh and cry for joy is in a real praise service where the saints are praising God for the many things He has done. What could be enjoyed more? Brother Hyons brought the message for us.

Brother Clowers preached a good sermon Sunday morning. Brother Vaught gave us a talk on mission after which an offering of \$10.00 was taken for the missionaries. Brother Vaught brought us a good message in the afternoon. We could feel the sweetness of God's holy presence. We had a real good service Sunday night. Brother Scoggins delivered the message. We had old time handshakes and bade each other good-bye but not forever for if we meet no more on this earth we know we will meet again where partings are no more if we remain true to God. Pray for us that we may continue in the faith.—Mrs. Clyde Pennington.

CARBON HILL, Ala.—A five weeks meeting has just closed at this place. The devil was whipped, the Lord blessed and souls found Jesus. Some were saved, sanctified and about nine received the Holy Ghost. Brother T. A. Richard, Brother and Sister Haynes and Brother Dodd did the preaching. The Carbon Hill church is on a rise now, thank God for victory. I ask all the saints to pray for me and the church here.—Mrs. E. Cook.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

There are many people who claim they receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fight speaking in tongues. They even try to prove by the Bible that it is heresy and not a Bible experience. Turn with me and see what the Bible says about it.

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Isa. 28:11-12.

Dear ones if you want rest, seek God for the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. There is nothing else on earth that will bring the sweetest rest, joy and peace that the Holy Ghost will bring to a weary soul. Yet the multitude, who hear God's humble servants speak with tongues, sneer and make light and some even claim

Lord surely did bless. Sister Myrtle Whitehead was with us three weeks in a meeting, the Lord revived the work and many were saved though the enemy was strong.

Pray that God will continue to bless in our midst and that we will stay humble before God and that we will draw closer to Him.—Margie Gilma.

a high standard of salvation, profess to be sanctified by the precious blood and will say that tongues is a doctrine of the devil. But it is according to God's word.

There are many people who can't understand that the Holy Ghost is a person but the Bible teaches that He is one of the triune Godhead. He has no body to dwell in except God's wholly sanctified people, but when these bodies are cleaned and made holy, they are fit temples for the Holy Ghost to dwell in. He will come in, take up His abode, walk and talk in us, but if we defile the temple He won't dwell in it for He will not dwell in an unclean temple.

Let us see what Jesus says the Holy Ghost will do when He comes in. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."—John 15:26-27.

How can a man testify unless he talks? Of course, if he is a dummy he can write his testimony but the Holy Ghost is no dummy for Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." John 16:13.

Jesus said that the Holy Ghost would speak when he came. Well, did he speak? See Acts 2:14. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." They did not speak different languages they had learned to speak but it was the Spirit, the Holy Ghost using their tongues. They were all Galileans. Acts 2:7. There were about one hundred and twenty of them and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was one of them. Acts 1:14-15, yet the great multitude, that was gathered together heard them speak in their many different languages, the wonderful works of God.

We find many people who will acknowledge that they did speak in other tongues on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost first came, but they say that it was a miracle wrought by God that the Jews from every nation under heaven might hear the Gospel in their own language. Read the story of Cornelius recorded in the 10th chapter of Acts. While Peter preached Jesus to Cornelius and his kinsmen, the Holy Ghost fell on them. But how did the Jews who came with Peter know that the Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost? For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 10:45-46. The Jews knew then that the people had received the Holy Ghost because they heard them speak with tongues, so today we know when people receive the Holy Ghost when they speak with tongues.

One time Paul found some Christians at Ephesus and, "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Acts 19:2-6. Yet some folks tell us that Paul forbid speaking in tongues. I wish they would tell me where they found that. I am sure they didn't find it in God's Bible.

THE GREAT PASSOVER

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bread representing His broken body. When we take the sacrament we are announcing to the world that we have communion with Christ. But suppose we do not have, then we have lied. By this we bring condemnation upon ourselves, and therefore many have become sickly and even die.

Listen at 1 Cor. 10:16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

I will give the 17th verse from the Syriac because it makes it more easily understood: As therefore that bread is ONE, so we are all one body; for we all take to ourselves from that one bread.

While it is three separate loaves it is one in the Godhead. Then if every member is in communion with this bread, (the Godhead) they are in communion with each other. Or in other words fellowship with each other.

When there is wickedness within the church it is referred to as leaven. Leaven of malice and wickedness, such as fornication, covetousness, idolatry, railing, drunkenness, extortion etc. Paul admonished that the church should purge out the old leaven that they may be a new lump. He further admonished that they should not eat with such. How is the church to keep from eating with them? The fourth and fifth verses tell what to do. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together * * * deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh.

I am sure that the pastor should preach a very forceful and pointed sermon just before the sacrament is taken. Also usually there should be a real conference held, and those who are harboring the old leaven within their hearts should be dealt with. Some may call this close communion, but it is nothing more than good church government.

John said, That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

If we so live in communion with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost we will be in perfect harmony with the early church. To be in fellowship with the Godhead we must faithfully conform to His Word.

We find in the 14th chapter of 1 Cor. where Paul is exhorting the people to desire spiritual gifts and to covet the best gifts. Paul didn't seem to believe speaking in tongues the best gift for he said greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues except he interpret. He also said that he thanked God because he spoke with tongues more than ye all, yet in the church he said he had rather speak five words with his understanding than by his voice he might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. He tells us in the 12th verse to seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. V. 13. He did not have any reference in this chapter to receiving the Holy Ghost but was writing to a church that had the Holy Ghost and had reference to the gifts of the spirit mentioned in 1 Cor. 12. Paul exhorted the people to covet the best gifts and to use them for the edifying of the church.

Dear reader, I am sure if you are honest hearted and believe God's word you are convinced by this time that speaking in tongues is a Bible experience and the only evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I praise God for His precious word because I know it will stand at the day of judgment whether any one down here believes it or not. Thank God. I pray that you will receive this message with the same spirit of love with which I have written it and will profit by it.—Zona Britt.

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CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

"Walk before me and be thou perfect." Gen. 17:1. There is much being said in these last days against "Christian Perfection" and as the fire is burning on the altar of my heart this morning, I feel like heralding the message of perfection to this world that will cause us to move ahead as never before. If there ever was a time in the history of the world that men and women should walk perfect before God it is now. At the time these words were spoken, God visited man and talked and communed with him face to face and we find they reached a state of perfection with God until he even caught them away without tasting the bitter cup of death.

God in dealing with the Israelites, warned them of the false teachers possessed with the spirit of divination and with familiar spirits and told them in Deut. 18:13, "Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." He promised He would raise up a prophet from their brethren like unto Himself unto whom they should hearken and thru this prophet we are made perfect. I would not forget to add to these that great men of God from the land of Uz who feared God and eschewed evil, Heb. 11:13 "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." But we today have the promises which are Jesus, the son of God and the blessed Comforter, the Holy Ghost whom He promised and whom He sent, so let us go on to perfection.

Psa. 37:37 "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace." If perfection is unattainable, why did David say, mark the perfect man? The coming of Jesus did not do away with it; He just brought it in a greater measure and I hear Him say in that great sermon on the mount, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Heb. 10:1 says the law was only a shadow of good things to come or a shadow of what we now enjoy for by one offering He has perfected forever them that are sanctified, so while those old patriarchs were made perfect in keeping the letter of the law, we are made perfect by the law of Jesus written on the fleshly tables of our heart with His own blood.

Jesus in telling of the signs that would follow believers, said, "They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18. Many times poisonous snakes have been brought into our meetings. The flesh has hesitated and said, "No don't touch it." But the perfectness of God within says, "Take them up," and they have been handled without even biting anyone and many times people have been bitten but felt no harm. Why? Because of the perfectness of God.

Jesus our great example in the garden in that crucial hour of suffering in prayer, I hear Him as He says, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." Luke 22:42. It would be unfair to think that God would ever ask us to do anything that we could not do. Did Paul reach the state of perfection? Yes. Tell me where. As he lay in that old Phillippian jail knowing that the chopping block was waiting just outside and the hour was fast approaching. The flesh began to make suggestions; did not want to suffer; did not want to go to the block, but that perfectness of God was burning and he took his pen in hand and began to write to Timothy and he says, I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course or I have attained that perfection for which I have been longing. I am now looking for my crown and there is one for you Timothy and to all who love His appearing. Yes, He had reached the goal of perfection. John the great Revelator, in writing to the church at Sardis said, Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Oh, Church of God, let us strengthen the things which remain; let us strive for a perfect life, a life hid with Christ in God that we can hear it said, I have found thy works perfect before God. When the factories of our land put out their products, they call for perfection; the mills and shops demand perfection; the world in general is demanding perfection and God is calling for a perfect church, one without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. And then some of the saints will stand up and say "Oh well, there is none of us perfect yet." Saints, we need to raise the banner high and prove to the world that we are putting out the goods, bearing the stamp of real Christian perfection.—D. G. Phillips, R. 1, Box 10, Akron, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

RIGHT

Our dear Sister Hattie Right was called away Tuesday April 5, 1927. She was on her way to church on Sunday night when she was run over by a car. Her suffering was very severe from the accident.

Funeral service was held by her pastor, Brother Zeno Sharp, at the Church of God in East Chattanooga, Tenn. where she was a member. Our hearts were made sad because she had to leave us so suddenly but the dear Lord knows best. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. She was laid to rest in the Mineral Park Cemetery to await the resurrection.

Farewell sister, our loss is Heaven's gain, We hope to meet you again some glad day;

On Heaven's bright and blissful shore, Where we'll never part no more.—One who loved her dearly. Mrs. J. E. Simpson.

PARSON

On April 2, 1927 the death angel visited the home of dear Brother and Sister Parson and called their baby boy, Robert, from this world to be with Jesus in Heaven, the home of the blessed. He was born April 30, 1924. Little Robert was a loving little boy, just a bud plucked from this earth to bloom in Heaven. We hated to give him up but the Lord's will must be done and He doeth all things well. We are sure that Heaven has become more attractive now to Brother and Sister Parson. Funeral services were conducted in the home of Grandma Parson and were very impressive.—J. L. Underwood, Fitzgerald, Ga.

BURGESS

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. T. M. Burgess and called her husband Mr. T. M. Burgess home on December 22. He was a member of the Church of God and loved her teachings and was a great Sunday School worker. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, ten children, one sister and a host of friends, as he was loved by all who knew him. He is gone but not forgotten but we know our loss is Heaven's gain and we weep not as those who have no hope for we hope to meet our papa again.—Mrs. Annie Wilson, Lindale, Ga. Box 266.

JAMES

On January 12, 1927 the death angel came into our home and claimed our little daughter, Naomi Earnestine. She was born December 2nd, only lived one month and twelve days. We cannot understand why God did not spare her but we trusted her in His care and keeping and He had His own way and took her. He who knows all things best and doeth all things well. For several days it seemed that we couldn't rear her but didn't realize that we would loose her so soon. It was hard to give her up, the sweet, little darling, and our hearts are made sad. We are deeply grieved but we look forward to that day when we shall meet her, together with two other precious ones that have already passed on to the glory world never more to part.

She leaves to mourn her loss, father, mother, eight brothers and four sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Joe Walker and Sister May Osburn and the remains were laid to rest in the Brown Cemetery.—Her mother, Mrs. Joe James.

ANDERSON

On March 17, 1927, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Charles Anderson of Struthers, Ohio and claimed his loving wife, Viola Anderson. She was born in Cherokee County, N. C. July 1, 1887. Age forty years, eight months and seventeen days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bell and in her early life moved to Isabella, Tenn. Sister Viola gave her heart to God at the age of fourteen years. Three years later she was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost and was added to the Church of God of which she remained a loyal member. Sister Viola had a desire to live till Jesus comes for His bride but it was God's plan to take her away.

She bore her afflictions very patiently, always talking about the goodness of the Lord. She will be missed very much as she was always so kind and loving to all who knew her. She leaves a husband, three daughters, father and mother, three brothers and five sisters, with many friends and a multitude of brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us look forward to the day when Jesus shall descend with a shout with the voice of the arch-angel and the dead in Christ shall rise first then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet the Lord.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. G. Phillips of Akron, Ohio. The body was laid to rest in Lake Park Cemetery, Youngstown, Ohio to await

ABNEY

On March 1, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Abney and claimed their darling baby girl, Pearl Mae, age two years and twenty-two days. She was loved by all who knew her for she was a loving child. She was a sweet little bud on earth to bloom and smile in Heaven.

We want to meet little Pearl in Heaven. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, three sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on little Pearl and take thy rest,

We love you but God loves you best.—By one who loved her, Emma Wilkins.

MORROW

On April 7, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Parker Morrow and claimed his dear wife. She was born November 5, 1896. Was saved, sanctified and belonged to the Church of God. She suffered much but God knew best and took her. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, seven children, father and mother, six sisters and one brother.

Her body was laid to rest in the Grasshopper Cemetery to await the resurrection of the saints. The funeral service was conducted by J. C. Bower.—Stello Hixson, Birchwood, Tenn.

Morgan

The death angel visited the home of Brother J. F. Morgan on April 21, 1927 and claimed his precious wife. Sister Morgan was a good mother and a faithful wife. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, six children and a host of relatives and friends. God knew best and took her home to glory where she will shout and sing the praises of God for evermore and where there will never be any sorrow, pain, tears or sad good-byes. All will be joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Sister Lula had the baptism of the Holy Ghost for eleven years and was a true loyal member of the Church of God, was always ready to render her services in helping in the meetings. We miss her presence and her help, wherever we go. When we enter the house of God to worship, our hearts are made sad to see her seat vacant but we know if we are true to Jesus we will meet her again some glad day.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Robert Blackwood of Kentwood, La. and Brother Joe Lentz of Morgantown, Miss. Brother Waldrup of Columbia, Miss. made a talk in behalf of Sister Morgan's Christian life. Her body was laid to rest in the Morgantown Cemetery to wait the coming of Jesus.—One who loved her, Julia Hammond, Morgantown, Miss.

MANN

On the 21st day of January 1927, Tommie Mann departed this life to be with Jesus. He was near forty-two years of age. He was a member of the Baptist Church for several years, then went to the Methodist Church five years ago and last summer while the Church of God people were holding a revival at Joseph's Chapel near Cleveland, Miss. he received the Holy Ghost but had never united with the Church of God. He said he was going to join and be baptized with water.

He was ill six weeks but never did complain. When we would ask him how he was, he would always say he was getting along very well, he bore it all in perfect submission. He would sing, shout and talk in tongues while lying on his bed.

One morning he had a sinking spell, he appeared to be gone and we had prayer for him, laying the Bible on him and he opened his eyes and told us he was all right, then he said, "I was gone, all was dark and a band of angels came for me and I folded my arms to go with them but God has spared me." And in the afternoon before he died the next morning at four o'clock, he called his wife to his bed side and told her he wanted to die, that all was well with him and the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, five children, two brothers, one sister and a host of friends.

Sleep on dear Tommie and take your rest,

Till Jesus shall call you to rise; Then with all the redeemed so happy and blessed,

We will meet you beyond the skies.—His mother-in-law, Mrs. Mittie L. Blount, Cleveland, Miss.

HENDRIX

Sorrow came into the home of Brother and Sister W. P. Hendrix Saturday November 13, 1926 when the death angel claimed their darling baby Addie Mae age one year, four months and eighteen days. Addie Mae suffered about seven weeks before she died. We'll miss her and extend our sympathy to the parents but we weep not as those who have no hope. We know we shall see her again if we only live true to God. God took her to live with Him where she will never know the sorrow and heartaches of this old world.

She was laid to rest in the Williamsburg Cemetery. Funeral services were the great resurrection morn.—A friend, D. G. Phillips.

conducted by Brother Hood—Hattie Lipton, Ravenna, Ky.

SORRELL

Malinda Spires, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William and Elizabeth Spires, was born March 26th, 1863 near Morgan Gallia County, Ohio. At the tender age of sixteen on February 18, 1880 she united in marriage with Andrew Jackson Sorrell and to this union were born thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to manhood and womanhood.

In her earlier years she put her trust in the Lord and she proved faithful unto the end. She was a member of the Church of God in Wellston, O. While at her home duties she became ill with a severe pain in her head and nearby children were quickly summoned. She only lived about one hour and a half. She knew that death was approaching her and when asked by a daughter if her head felt better, replied "No, but I will soon be at rest." She was a kind and loving mother and sympathizing neighbor. She had a smile for every one and to meet her was to love her. The loss we feel deeply but our loss is her gain. She was sixty-four years and nineteen days of age and left to mourn her death a husband, two brothers, five sisters, seven sons, four daughters, thirty grand children and a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor R. E. Hamilton. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near Wellston, Ohio.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us, And our loss we deeply feel; But our God in Heaven above us, He can all our sorrows heal.

Beneath our eyes she faded slowly, Growing day by day more frail, Bearing sweetly all her sufferings Without murmur, moan or wail.

A loving mother, true and kind, Faithful to the end of time, Heaven now retains our treasure, Earth it's lonely casket keeps, Where our dear mother sleeps.

MEDLIN

On April 27th 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Medlin and claimed little Ralph, age one year. He was a sweet little babe but Jesus saw best to take him. He is only another jewel to make Heaven brighter for us.

Jesus needed little Ralph Just to fill a little space In the Heavenly home up yonder. No one else could take his place, And He needed little Ralph Just to make His home more bright.—His grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Riggins, Canton, N. C.

WHITE

On April the 18th 1927 Lizzie White, wife of Mr. Sink White of Lavonia, Ga., was called to meet the Lord. She wasn't a member of the Church of God but she always seemed to enjoy our meetings. She told her husband that she was ready to go and for them to meet her in heaven. She passed away like going to sleep. She leaves a husband, three children, father, mother, two sisters and other friends to mourn her death.

The funeral was conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Cross Roads Baptist Church.

Mother now has gone from a world of trouble here

We trust she is resting, she'll never shed a tear.

We loved her, yes we loved her but Jesus loved her more,

So he called her away to that bright eternal shore.—Myrtle Whitehead.

ESKEW

On April 11, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Ole Eskew of Anderson, S. C. and took away Thomas Barton, their little seven year old son. He had been sick only a few hours. He went off to sleep and when his mother went to see about him she found him dead. He was a bright child; would return thanks at the table and go to Sunday School.

The funeral was conducted by the writer and his remains were brought to Hartwell, Ga. and tenderly laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery.

"Tis sad to know you are gone And we can't see your face But Jesus has prepared For you a better place.

Little Thomas Barton Mamma and papa will miss you And brothers and sisters too But they can see you again.

If they will ever live true May God bless and Comfort the bereaved Is my prayer.—Myrtle Whitehead.

SIN CANNOT BE COVERED LONG

LEIGHTON, Ky.—I want to praise my Lord and tell what He has done for me and a few other brothers in this meeting. He saved, sanctified me and set me in the body of Jesus. The Master knows just the place to put the members of His body. I am so happy that I cannot keep from telling the world.

GOD CARES FOR HIS ANOINTED

Thoughts For Next Quarter's Lessons.

GOD SPEAKS

Elijah! Elijah! why shouldst thou fear? I will ask thee the question, why art thou here? Why hast thou fled from feeble Jezebel? Explain in plain terms if thou canst tell!

ELIJAH SPEAKS

O Lord, thou dost know, all thy prophets are dead, And they are after my life, is why I fled, If they could, but lay their eyes on me, They would dispatch my life into eternity.

GOD SPEAKS

Elijah! Elijah! wilt thou now, hear My Word? Only listen to Me, not to what you hear heard, Dost thou not know that it has been appointed? That no weapon shall prosper against God's anointed?

ELIJAH SPEAKS

Once more O Lord will I endeavor to speak, For thou hast smitten me upon the cheek, I am ashamed, that in my fleeing I almost fell, By listening to the warnings of Queen Jezebel.—F. J. Lee.

Keep Your Promises To God

PEARL, Ill.—I am glad this day that I am living for Jesus and have full salvation, the kind that fills the soul. I am thankful that Jesus ever stooped down to help me on His through train.

I have just been reading in Rom. 8:28 that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose. I believe that this is a verse that is very freely quoted by those who claims to be followers of our dear Lord. I am wondering how many do actually believe this verse in reality, for its full value to their souls. I believe it is one of those verses that takes in a wide circle. It is easy to think that certain things work together for good but how about all things? The sweet, the bitter, the joyful, sorrowful, the loving and the unloving, the fair and unfair, the tender and the harsh, the poverty and even all fortunes and misfortunes all work together for the good. It may appear a mystery to some and above human reason, but having had just such a road to travel over I know that this verse is of great value to every one. It is only possible for Christians to actually believe this on all things but we must surely believe this sufficiently to act on it and follow out our act.

The apostle Paul writes, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." So we find that Paul had to have the strength of Christ and we have need of the strength of Christ too. Jesus has told us in Matthew 16:24, if any man shall come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. So again we have Jesus saying that greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends so it is by love that we can pass up all things for good. We are constantly making promises which we never carry out but are constantly looking for Jesus to carry out His promise. Why not put His promise to the test in our life and make good our promises to Him? There are conditions to all of His promises and if we are true to those conditions His Word will not fail us and everything shall be shining bright and good.

If any of the saints care to write to me I will always be pleased to hear from them. Please pray for me.—Wayne Spears, R. 2, Pearl, Ill.

No Other Friend Like Jesus

WEBB, W. Va.—I am glad that I can stand a bold soldier in the presence of my Redeemer and the whole world and testify of the wonderful love and joy that I have in my soul. I never can praise His dear name enough for what He has done for me. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I have the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I have never found a friend so true as Jesus. I desire your prayers that I may forever hold on to the Lord and shout the victory. I trust Him for the healing of my body for I know there is nothing beyond His power.—Nancy Dillon.

On June 22, 1927 Brother S. A. Wilson of Blue Diamond, Ky. set the Church of God in order at Leighton, Ky. with sixteen members. Nine of them followed the Lord in water baptism. The other seven are to be baptized later. Bro. Elisha Mays of Ravenna, Ky. was appointed pastor and the writer as clerk and treasurer.

I ask a special prayer of all the saints that I will be filled until my cup runs over with the Holy Ghost. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper but he that confesseth his sins shall receive mercy. Pray much for us that we may be in the center of God's will at all times.—Birch Stephens.

Got the Blessing in Log Cabin

BEATTTYYVILLE, Ky.—I promised Jesus the day He gave me such a wonderful blessing in the little log cabin that I would praise Him through the Evangel.

I once was a deacon or a painted deacon in the Christian Church though I had never known the Lord. I had heard of the Lord as unsaved folks do. But to know Him as I know Him now I did not until over four years ago. When I first found Jesus something went through me like lightning and glory filled my soul and today I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance. The way gets sweeter every day. I thank God for the Bible church of which I am a member. I love the Church of God and realize it is worth more to me every day. We can't do without it.

Last Sunday I was in a log cabin in the woods praying to God and I got hold of God and He gave me a wonderful blessing. I didn't know anyone was near but one of my unsaved brothers was going up the road and heard me praying and talking in tongues and praising God in the dance. Psalm 149:3. Let them praise His name in the dance. Brother heard my feet hitting the floor. He stopped and listened. I was like David when he danced before the Lord with all his might. I am the only one of the family that knows God but by close living I have a number of the family believing this way. We have Sunday School here at two o'clock every Sunday.

Several souls are under conviction and I would be glad to have any Church of God preacher come and hold us a revival. Inquire for the Bailey school house and the writer will take care of you. Pray for God to save souls here and bless us.—Beckham Bailey.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise God for another victory at Rock Hill. Have just closed a two weeks meeting here. Brother Johnie C. Childers was with us and did some good preaching.

Ten were saved, five sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. The saints were made to rejoice under the power of God. On the last night of the meeting we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The work here is moving along fine now. We need your prayers that God will use us to His glory.—C. W. Coats, Pastor, 133 Adam St.

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